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Change to allow incompetent members access to own money



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In his life, Emerson Littlegeorge would like two things to make him happy: a trip to Canada and a blue four-wheeler.

The problem isn't about money. He has enough money in his trust account. It's just that he can't access the money in his account. Emerson has been labeled as a Ho-Chunk adult incompetent member, therefore, if he wants money from his account, he has to petition the tribal court.

Then, the judge will determine whether he really needs the money or just wants it, treated the same as a child under 18. Then, it will be released if the judge determines it as a need, but not if it is a want.

His mother, Felicia Helgeson-Wanna, Tomah, set out to change that system. That's why she presented a resolution before the September 27 General Council meeting. In turn, the Legislature, at its January 6 meeting in Wittenberg, passed that resolution to allow adult incompetent Ho-Chunk members to access their per capita accounts.

"I kept my son in school until he was 21. When he finished school, I turned his diploma into the Enrollment Department. I was told he could not get his trust fund or per cap," Helgeson-Wanna said.

"I was told I needed to petition the tribal court to get any of his money," she said. "It's up to the judge to decide if it's necessary."

The resolution to change the procedure was approved by the Ho-Chunk Legislature after an extensive overhaul by a workgroup dedicated to the task.

"The BIA (Bureau of Indian Affairs) has 60 days to review the resolution. If they approve it, it will go into effect immediately," said Rep. II Andrea Estebo.

Helgeson-Wanna is a member of the workgroup to develop the resolution to go before the Legislative body. The workgroup also included legislators, legislative staff and counsel, General Council Agency staff and counsel and members with knowledge of issues affecting adult incompetent members and their needs.

The workgroup met on December 19 and December 26 to discuss the urgent needs of all adult incompetent members and the importance of easing access to their accumulated trust account to assist with living needs and to promote their health and security.

As it works now, an adult incompetent member's trust account is treated the same as minor's accounts. For instance, if a minor wishes to take money from his or her account, the minor must go through a four-prong request, going through tribal court to get any money and explaining the reason for the need.

"It is a release of money as a last resort," Estebo said. "But, the Ho-Chunk Nation has never separated the two. Adult incompetent members' funds have been treated the same as minors' funds."



Emerson Littlegeorge and Felicia Helgeson-Wanna were the driving forces behind the resolution to change how Ho-Chunk adult incompetent member can access their per cap and trust funds.

Another problem, Helgeson-Wanna said, is that Ho-Chunk adult incompetent members requesting money under the present system need to come to court in Black River Falls for every petition, which is extremely difficult and inconvenient for people who live thousands of miles away in other parts of the United States.

But the need of money for incompetent members is totally different issue, Estebo said, therefore needed to be revised. Incompetent members need the money to improve their quality of life. For instance, adult incompetent members may need money for basic needs, or travel or entertainment to make their lives more complete.

She would prefer to put her son's money into WisPACT, a revocable trust fund, if and when the new procedure is allowed.

The "special needs" trust, such as WisPACT, will be set up and will have oversight, with the vendors paid on behalf of the person.

For instance, if Emerson

wanted to buy a blue four-wheeler, he would submit the name of the dealership and the amount to WisPACT and a check would be issued from WisPACT and sent directly to the dealership.

Also, under the suggested system, the balance and all financial information of each individual's account would be available online.

"Adult incompetent members will have better access to their money," Estebo said. "In the past, sometimes they would be denied access, saying it wasn't needed. When the new provision is established, the court will still need to be petitioned and the money will be able to be withdrawn on a full or partial basis."

Chief Judge Jo Deen Lowe was involved in the process, Estebo said. The preferred term for adult incompetent members will be "ward" for the court.

"We needed to put something, a process, in place so the incompetent members will be able to access the funds for themselves," she said. Although they will still

have the guidance of a parent or guardian.

If approved by the BIA and implemented, the incompetent member will be exempt from any requirements of receiving financial literacy training, a requirement for minors that was passed by the Legislature on November 4.

Being able to access Emerson's own money will make a big difference in the quality of his life, Helgeson-Wanna said.

"I'm thankful it passed," she said.

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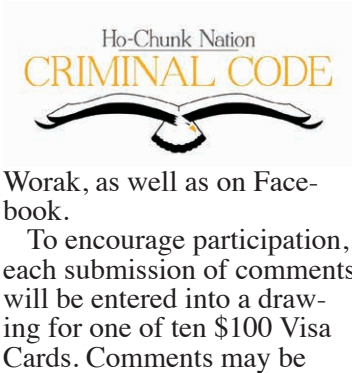
Criminal Code up for comment

Submitted by Arvina Martin, Chief Communications Officer

The Criminal Code has been publically posted and is now available for 45 Day Comment. Tribal Members wishing to review the code should go to the Ho-Chunk Nation Website. The Legislative home page (<http://ho-chunknation.com/government/legislature.aspx>) has a

direct link to the codes posted. The code is substantial: there are fifteen sections available, each one detailing a specific area of the proposed law. Input from Tribal Members is crucial to this process, and the Legislature encourages all to read and comment. Legislative office staff attended January area meetings to make sure that all were able to access and

begin to ask questions about the Code. Additional presentations throughout the districts are being planned, particularly at Tribal Aging Units, so stay tuned for more opportunities to discuss the Criminal Code more in depth. The Legislature will also compile commonly asked questions from the area meetings, and post answers in a future edition of the Hocak



submitted via email, phone, or postal mail. Please take time to review the Criminal Code, and make your comments, suggestions or questions known to your legislators. Your input is valued, and is imperative as we take the next step in continuing the exercise of our sovereignty

Ho-Chunk Nation and BMO Harris building a strong partnership

Submitted by Arvina Martin, Chief Communications Officer


After entering a partnership with the Ho-Chunk Nation, BMO Harris has been working to provide services to tribal members and employees. The experience, has not always been what tribal members have expected, and legislators asked Emilio Cooper, Senior Vice President at BMO Harris, to come to a legislative session to address some of the concerns. Cooper explained that a policy change during the summer of 2014 led to problems with tribal members cashing checks at drive thru locations, as well the erroneous assessment of fees. The new rules, instituted by regulatory agencies, required additional verification for the cashing of personal checks. These added requirements led to a longer verification process. Because of this, BMO Harris began requiring those cashing checks to come into the lobby, rather than through the drive up windows, as customer wait times began to grow. This policy led to many tribal members feel that they were being singled out for additional checks, and overall a feeling of bad customer service.

After speaking with the legislature, BMO Harris has instituted some changes to address concerns. At any BMO Harris location in Central Wisconsin, through the Twin Cities area, checks may be cashed at drive up windows. Unfortunately, customers in eastern Wisconsin will have to continue using the lobby to cash checks if they do not have a personal account. Fees should also not be assessed to any tribal member cashing a BMO Harris check, and should find this policy printed on their checks. Cooper also stated his desire to continue working with the Ho-Chunk Nation, its employees and members: “As head of retail bank in this region, I value the Ho-Chunk Nation as customers, regardless of if you have a personal account there. I am committed to make sure your experience is one you feel good about.” Cooper has designated one of his employees, Michelle Vinser, to be responsible for assisting those who have not had a good experience with BMO Harris, saying that they want to be informed of any issues, or feedback, both positive and negative. Vinser can be contacted at 715-342-3235, if you have any concerns.

BMO Harris also started meeting with Ho-Chunk Nation officials to discuss services offered to tribal members. The bank is working with the Nation to provide Financial Literacy training, both to youth, as well as adults. Train-

ing can take many forms, and they are looking forward to providing information that is fun, as well as teaches skills. Lastly, BMO Harris is working to provide an additional ATM location in the Black River Falls area, in a

location where it can easily be accessed by as many tribal members and employees as possible. The search will continue until a suitable location can be found.



HO-CHUNK NATION

DIVISION OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Veterans Affairs Advisory Board

Date: April 17, 2015

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: **TOB-Veterans Affairs Division Conference Room**

The Division of Veterans Affairs encourages all veterans and interested individuals to attend.

Should you have any questions comments or concerns please contact the Division of Veterans Affairs at (715)284-4563.

This meeting notice is posted in accordance with the Ho-Chunk Nation Open Meetings Act.

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Banana is featured as Harvest of the Month

Submitted by Heather Jerzak, RDN, CD, CLC – Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (888-685-4422 ext. 5340)

Is one of your New Year’s resolutions to improve your eating habits? Interested in ideas to increase your intake of fruit and vegetables? Come try some new produce recipes at the “Harvest of the Month” nutrition booth at the Tribal Office Building Atrium on Thursday, January 22nd, from 10am to 1pm. Each month there is a new fruit or vegetable to try. This month the featured produce is bananas. Feel free to stop by and visit with our Nutrition staff on January 22nd.

For upcoming dates of future Harvest of the Month events and other Health Department events also visit: <http://health.ho-chunk.com/>.



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Harvest of the Month

January 🍌 Banana



Pick

- Choose bananas that are firm, but not too hard, bright in appearance, and free from bruises.

Store

- Store banana’s at room temperature, or to ripen place in brown paper bag.
- Ripe bananas that will not be consumed for a few days can be placed in the refrigerator. There peel may darken, the flesh will not be affected.

Prepare

- Peel banana before eating.
- Freeze peeled bananas in a sealed plastic bag. Frozen bananas are great for smoothies.

Nutrition Info

One medium banana has 110 calories. Bananas provide potassium, fiber, and vitamin C.

Fun Facts

Clusters of bananas grow pointing upwards not downwards.

The banana plant grows 10 to 26 feet tall and belongs to the same family as the lily and the orchid.

Americans first tasted banana’s in 1876.

Uses

Try a banana sandwich. Spread peanut butter on whole wheat bread and top with banana slices.

Bananas are a great addition to breakfast foods such as cereal, oatmeal, and yogurt.

Frozen bananas are great for smoothies! Try a “green smoothie” with spinach, banana, vanilla soy milk, and ice.

Family Friendly Activities

Go BANANAS! Take time to have some fun and play in the snow with a sled, build a snowman, or play hide and seek outside.

Scheduled meal time. If weeknights are too busy, try a family brunch this weekend.

Make a family fruit salad; have each family member select 2 fruits to add to the salad! When making the salad, have then entire family help with preparation.



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The Harvest of the Month is a partnership between Jackson County Department of Health and Human Services, Black River Memorial Hospital, Together for Jackson County Kids, Ho-Chunk Nation, UW Extension-Jackson County, local school districts, and the community.

Adapted from La Crosse County HOM program.

What is Pertussis?

Submitted by Criss Swanson and Holly Rodenberg, nurse educators

Whooping cough (Pertussis) has been occurring in Wisconsin residents with 134 cases reported in 2014 after 31 cases being reported in 2013. In November 2014, reported cases began increasing across almost all of Wisconsin, but in the last couple months of 2014 it was highest in the western region of Wisconsin.

What is Pertussis (whooping cough)?

It is a contagious disease of your respiratory tract, caused by bacteria.

What are the symptoms?

In infants and young children it begins much like a cold with possible low grade fever and a mild but irritating cough for one to two weeks. The illness advances to spells of explosive coughing which can interrupt breathing, sleeping and eating and may be accompanied with vomiting and exhaustion. Next, the person/child may make a loud

crowing or “whooping” sound as the struggle to inhale air. These severe coughing spells can last for several weeks to months. In older children and adults the symptoms are often less severe and without the typical “whoop”

How is it spread?

It is spread when an infected person coughs and doesn’t cover their mouth properly (from the respiratory droplets spreading in the air).

Who gets Pertussis?

It can infect people of all ages. Pertussis (whooping cough) is a serious disease for babies. Adults and older children can spread pertussis to babies. Pertussis is very contagious. It can cause serious illness and even death. Most infants who get the disease must be hospitalized.

When is a person with pertussis able to give it to others?

It is most contagious during the early stages of the illness, before the explosive coughing develops but may continue to be spread for up to 21 days

or longer after developing the cough.

How long after an exposure until symptoms develop?

People typically get symptoms between 7-10 days after exposure, though it can be in the 5-21 day range.

What if someone close to me gets Pertussis?

Those who have had close contact with the person with pertussis should be monitored for 21 days to watch for symptoms or may in some cases may receive antibiotic treatment to prevent getting pertussis. Typically antibiotic treatment due to being exposed to a case is reserved for those who at highest risk of severe disease or those who might spread the disease to those at highest risk (for example a close contact of an infant or pregnant woman). Anyone who has been exposed and later develops symptoms must be treated with antibiotics.

How is it diagnosed?

A doctor may suspect a case

based on symptoms or possible exposure to someone who tested positive for Pertussis. A lab test ordered by your doctor or provider confirms if someone has pertussis.

Can it be treated?

There are antibiotics available to treat the infection of pertussis. People with pertussis should minimize contact from others (this includes school, work and similar activities) until they have taken at least the first 5 days of their antibiotics.

Are there any ways it can be prevented?

There is a vaccination for pertussis. It is scheduled to be given to infants and children

in five doses between ages 2 months and 6 years old. A booster dose is recommended at age 11 or 12 years, and once for all adults, including parents, grandparents and babysitters of children. Women who are pregnant are recommended to get the vaccine during each pregnancy between 27-36 weeks of pregnancy.

<http://www.cdc.gov/features/pertussis>

Wisconsin Department of Health Services Public Health division: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/immunization/pertussis.htm>

HCN Maternal Child Health Program invites you to:



Partners in Parenting

4th Thursdays at 11:30AM-1:00PM

At the House of Wellness, Alberta Day Room:

1/22/15: “Baby and Me Exercises” with Jodel Treetop

2/26/15: “Developmental Health” with Jessica Tyler

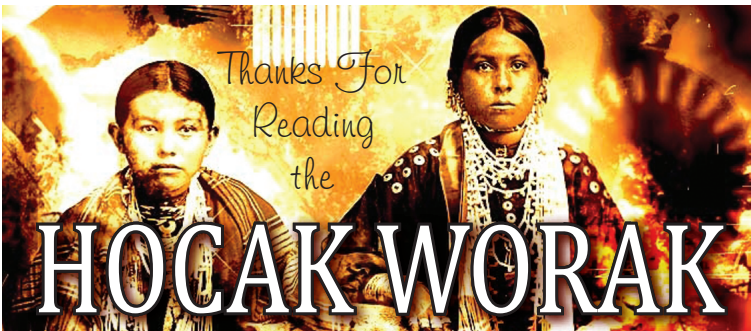
At HCG WI Dells:

3/26/15: “Meal Planning for Working Parents”

with Jessica Jennings and Nicholle Birdsill

Lunch/snacks provided by HCN Nutrition! Bring your family! Raffle prizes and incentives!

Please call or text Allie for more info: 608-393-4369 or 888-552-7889 ext.5551



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Origin story of the Ho-Chunk Clans

By Felix White Sr., Wolf Clan (as related to David Lee Smith in an interview)

In the beginning, Mauna, the creator, surveyed the world he created. He noticed some beings who walked on two legs, but they were walking with great difficulty. Soon Mauna saw enormous monsters devouring the two-legged beings. Many two-legged beings went mad after seeing their brothers and sisters eaten by these fiends. Such a sign upset Mauna greatly, so he called twelve beings who had wings and asked them to perform as overseers for the two-legged beings. Mauna was busy with other things and could not attend to his creation.

Mauna was very proud of what he had made. Four of the winged beings flew in the air to look down upon the earth to observe the monsters' atrocities. The four winged beings became known as the Sky People: Thunder, Eagle, Hawk and Pigeon.

The remaining eight winged creatures became Bear, Wolf, Water-spirit, Deer, Elk, Buffalo, Fish, and Snake; the Earth People. Mauna decided to make the Earth and Sky People equal. He refused to make one of them leader of all others. The Earth and Sky People queried of themselves, "Which language will we speak together?" The eldest of the twelve, Thunder, replied, "We will speak Ho-Chunk." Chunk is a word meaning praise. The elder has encouraged the beings to speak their language in praise of the creator. Ho-Chunk would become the voice of praise.

None of the beings asked to serve as chief. The clans instead would follow the plan of Mauna; and organize themselves into equal entities. As a result of the cooperation of the twelve clans, the Ho-Chunk functioned as a harmonious whole composed of different parts.



The Four Evils the Ho-Chunk need

By David Timothy Smith

At the start of the creation on Mother Earth, Mauna sent giants down to the earth to kill all the evil monsters that were terrorizing mankind. But the giants in turn became unruly and they began to eat all the humans that Mauna created on his earth. So the creator sent down a warrior called Storm Walker, and he put an end to the giants. The remain-

ing giants fled to the frozen north and took safety under the ice. Storm Walker was very happy that he finished his mission for the creator. So he begins his trip home. But as he was walking, he ran into an ugly giant. "Who are you?" he said. "I thought I killed all of the giants that were left on Mother Earth." The ugly giant's name was Poverty. He said, "No my son, I can't be

killed, because humans need me. I was left to help people find compassion for one another. Only by being poor, you will understand what life is about." Storm Walker knew that man needed Poverty to be humble, and to be concerned with the needs of others as well as themselves. So he let Poverty live.

As he continued to walk, he ran into another ugly giant. "Who are you?" he said. "I thought none of you were left?" The giant answered him. "My name is Hunger. And you have to let me live." Storm Walker said, "Give me one good reason why I should let you live." The giant said, "Because I have a place in your life to bother your stomach. When your stomach becomes empty, you will know that you are hungry. And you will develop your mind on how to get food. You will become industrious and stop

being lazy. You will go out and look for game or plant crops. Without me, you will die." So Storm Walker let the second giant live.

Storm Walker next walked by a lake and ran into a third giant. "Why are you still alive? I thought all of you were dead!" The third giant said, "My name is Fatigue, and you have to let me live also." Storm Walker answered him, "Why?" Fatigue said, "Because every night you need sleep. You need rest to be in good health. Rest replenishes both your physical and spiritual strength. Man needs the necessary rest to continue his life on Mother Earth." So Storm Walker let Fatigue live too.

As Storm Walker was nearing home, he met the last giant on Mother Earth. He said, "I thought I killed all the enemies of mankind, and here you are. Why should I let you

live?" The giant answered him, "My name is Body Lice. And I too have a purpose in your life." Storm Walker said, "What purpose do you have besides making people itch?" Body Lice said, "Without me, people wouldn't bother to keep clean. They need to comb their hair, they need to wash their bodies, and they need to refresh themselves. Body Lice forces people to keep clean to be sociable. And Indian people are always sociable." So Storm Walker let Body Lice live too.

So it's these four things that we need in this life. They help us think of others. It helps us find what to wear. It helps us find food when we are hungry. It helps us rest when we are tired. And it helps us stay clean when we are dirty. That is why Storm Walker spared these giants. We need them to live a good life.



You are Smart

You are careful about taking medicines — and giving medicines to children. But there is a problem. Many people take antibiotics when they do not need them. Antibiotics do not work for every illness.

Lela had a cold two weeks ago. Lela's grandmother did the right things. She made sure the child received plenty of rest and fluids... Grandmother knew that giving the child antibiotics would not be smart.



BE SMART

Antibiotics Will Not Help a Cold or the Flu.

For more information talk with your healthcare provider, call 1-800-CDC-INFO or go to www.cdc.gov/getsmart



Antibiotics Will Not Work for a Cold or the Flu. Why?

- Germs called viruses cause colds and the flu
- Antibiotics do not fight viruses
- Antibiotics fight germs called bacteria

Taking Antibiotics:

- Will not help your body fight a cold or the flu
- Will not get rid of your cold or flu symptoms
- Will not stop your cold or flu from spreading to others



Antibiotics Do Not Work For:

- A Cold
- The Flu
- Most Coughs
- Bronchitis
- Most Sore Throats

What You Need To Know

Will It Hurt Me to Take Antibiotics Every Time I Am Sick?

Taking antibiotics when you do not need them can make bacteria stronger. These bacteria are harder to kill. This is called antibiotic resistance.

How Can Antibiotic Resistance Affect Me?

When bacteria resist antibiotics, you can get very sick. You may need stronger medicine — or a stay in the hospital to get well.

What If I Get An Antibiotic Prescription?

If your healthcare provider gives you antibiotics, you have an illness caused by bacteria. Take all of the medication as directed.



How Can Antibiotic Resistance Affect My Community?

Sick people are not the only people who can suffer from antibiotic resistance. Families and entire communities feel the impact when disease-causing germs become resistant to antibiotics.

How Can Antibiotic Resistance Affect Healthy People?

These antibiotic-resistant bacteria can quickly spread to:

- Family members
- Schoolmates
- Co-workers

What Should I Do When I Have a Cold or the Flu?

- Talk with your healthcare provider
- Talk with your CHR (Community Health Representative)
- Drink plenty of fluids
- Rest
- Use a cool mist vaporizer or saline spray for congested breathing

3rd Annual Youth and Family College Expo

All 3rd-12th grade Ho-Chunk students and their families are invited to the 3rd Annual Youth and Family College Expo on Saturday January 31, 2015. The expo will take place from Noon until 4 p.m. at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, with registration and lunch starting at 11:00am. The Ho-Chunk Higher Education Division and the Family Services Program are sponsors.

Instructors and current students from local universities and technical colleges will be leading workstations involving hands-on activities, simulations, demonstrations, and competitions related to college majors and careers. In addition to the workstation programming, representatives will be available to talk with prospective students, provide information about their institutions, and answer questions. The day also includes separate workshops and information booths for parents, which will provide information that will prepare their children for college. Topics covered in the workshops may include registering for ACT/SAT exams, visiting a college campus, applying to schools, and financial aid options.

Ten colleges will be on hand to discuss a wide array of academic programs during the expo. This year's participating schools include: four-year public schools like UW-Madison and UW-La Crosse, private schools like Viterbo University, and two-year institutions such as Western Technical College, UW-Marshfield, and Madison Area Technical College.

Our goals are to promote college awareness, motivate and engage the youth, and showcase the selection of academic programs that exist for students in the college setting. Further, we hope to involve the entire family by providing programming specifically designed for parents interested in helping their child attend college. All Ho-Chunk families are invited to attend.

Date: Sat., January 31, 2015

Location: Ho-Chunk Tribal Office Building, Black River Falls, WI

Time: 11:00am – 12:00pm (FREE LUNCH and registration)

12:00pm-4:00pm (Programming)

Food & Prizes Included!

For more information and to register, please contact us at (800) 362-4476 or Education-Advisors@ho-chunk.com.

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January 31, 2015

12-4 pm

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Greendeer-Rave recognized for her dedication of help and hope

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Michelle Greendeer-Rave has given a lot of her time and legal knowledge in helping people.

For her time and energy helping people with legal issues without charging a dime, she has been inducted into the Wisconsin Pro Bono Honor Society.

“Pro bono” means to provide free or at low-cost to certain legal clients in order to serve the public good.

Greendeer-Rave was recognized at an induction ceremony and meal on December 29 at the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Court Building.

During the presentation of her award, speakers praised Greendeer-Rave for her abilities and dedication toward helping people. Some of those who spoke include Jackson County Judge Anna Becker and Judge Thomas Lister, and Ho-Chunk Chief Justice Jo Deen Lowe.

Coming from a family of seven children, Michelle grew up in Oneida, the daughter of George and Elena Greendeer.

Her passion for civil rights started early in high school. Michelle challenged the issues in her debate classes, history classes and speech classes and enjoyed many extracur-

ricular activities that school had to offer, which ultimately prepared her for her goal to become a journalist.

While studying journalism, she was approached by her world history professor and suggested she might try attending law school. With that suggestion, Michelle applied and attended the Pre La Summer Institute at the University of New Mexico Law School.

After graduation, Michelle attended UW-Madison Law School and was one of the youngest recipients of the Ho-Chunk Nations’ Josephine P. WhiteEagle Scholarship.

Upon graduation in 1998, Michelle returned to work for the Ho-Chunk Nation. She has worked for the Nation for 16 years and has provided pro bono, or free, legal work part time since then.

She has made a home law office and worked on just about every legal issue.

“I focus on helping people who work very hard every day but cannot seem to get out of the economic rut of the system,” she said. “Most importantly, I help people who can never afford an attorney to exercise their guaranteed Constitutional rights.

“There is a trade-off. I can help those people who are most in need but, at the same



Judicial dignitaries were present for the ceremony honoring Michelle Greendeer-Rave for her pro-bono legal work. Those present were (from left) Judge Amanda WhiteEagle, Judge Thomas Lister, Judge Anna Becker, Greendeer-Rave, and Judge Jo Deen Lowe.

time, they help me,” she said. “You see, I learn from my clients and their cases and, believe it or not, it is the clients who keep me sharp and they really teach me more than I could ever imagine teaching them.

“Equal access to representation is a hallmark of the American legal system,” Michelle said. “One way of promoting that ideal is through direct pro bono work, or legal services, provided without expectation of payment. This ideal helps attorneys assist low-income, vulnerable populations whose rights would otherwise be less protected.

“As America’s vulnerable population grows, so does the challenge of finding enough pro bono attorneys to serve them. Following years of budget cuts, many pro bono legal services programs have laid off attorneys, imposed staff furloughs and cut hours for programs. With less help available at the federal, state, and tribal level, private attorneys, law firms and public interest groups now find themselves in the difficult position of taking on more of the caseloads and responsibilities of people in need,” Michelle said.

“I ask myself every day what I can do to make a difference,” she said. “Sometimes it is just as simple as a phone call I have to make to a shady landlord. Sometimes it is appearing at a school board expulsion hearing when a child is facing removal from the education system and the parents have no one to help them.

“Other times it is drafting wills for those who find out they are terminally ill and are carrying their secret as they don’t want anyone else to know how sick they really are as they prepare to take care of their loved ones. Workmen compensation appeals, unemployment appeals and medical insurance claims keep me relatively busy,” she said.

Having a child with high



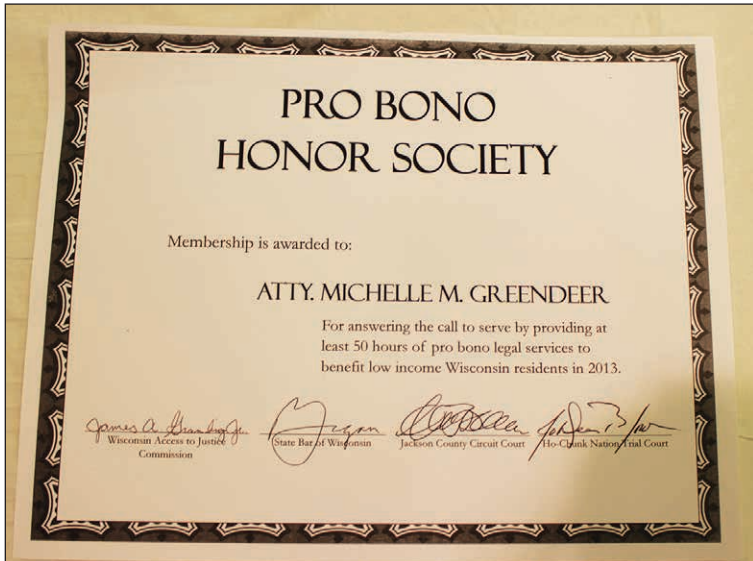
Michelle Greendeer-Rave receives a Pendleton blanket from Public Relations Officer Collin Price and President Jon Greendeer.



A cake signified her achievement of being inducted into the Wisconsin Pro Bono Honor Society.



Michelle Greendeer-Rave displays the certificate, symbolizing her recognition for donating 50 hours of free legal service to low income Wisconsin residents.



The certificate of induction into the Pro Bono Honor Society was presented to Michelle Greendeer-Rave on December 29.

medical needs makes it easy for her to realize how hard the system is to navigate with a legal background, she said.

“I don’t know what I would have done and can only imagine what it is like for others,” Michelle said. “And then there are those positives that have inspired me. Helping veterans get service connected disability and unemployment insurance in the federal VA appeals system is truly a learning experience that often times get the veterans the help and aid that they deserve.”

The country sends healthy warriors into the military and

sometimes they come back damaged. She hopes that others are inspired to assist the veterans in communities as they put their lives on the lines for our freedom.

She recognized a few individuals who she has learned from and watched through the years: Professor Richard Monette (Turtle Mountain Ojibwa), Judge Mark Goodman, Judge Lister and the late Jim Washinawatok from the Menominee Nation.

Tomah Rotary Luncheon features Heritage Preservation Executive Director Robert Mann

Kathleen Roberts
Staff Writer

Executive Director, Robert Mann, spoke to the members of the Tomah Rotary at the Ground Round eatery on Tuesday, January 6.

During the luncheon, Mann gave a mini language lesson. He used a hands-on teaching method; while handing a spoon to the person sitting next to him, he said the Hocak word for spoon. He did this with several items until he was called on to begin his presentation.

After introducing himself as a history buff, he explained the five divisions that are under Heritage Preservation: Language Division, Cultural Resources Division, Office of Tribal Enrollment, Division of Natural Resources and Divi-

sion of Veterans Affairs.

Mann said he had a passion for veterans, respecting them and his goal was to enhance and guide them to make their quality of life better.

He discussed a variety of topics during his presentation to keep the audience engaged. He also kept the audience willing to participate by asking questions to find out more about Ho-Chunk history and culture.

Mann told of his grandmother, Florence White-Mann and his most memorable time with her was when she took him fishing. “She would tell me what all the vegetation was called in the Hocak language,” he said.

He described how his grandmother’s primary language was Hocak, but later

she learned to speak English. She became a well-known speaker and interpreter in the community.

“Ho-Chunks have lived in the Tomah area for a long time and have been an influence in the community for just as long. The Ho-Chunk Nation and the community of Tomah have kept a good relationship for many years,” said Mann.

Following his talk, audience members commented on the interesting things he had mentioned and in such a short period of time. “I have been very active in speaking all over the country, but I am trying now to cut down these kinds of engagements,” said Mann as he smiled.



HCN Child Support Update: Child Support Staff, Interventions and Case Transfers

Submitted by Roxanne P. Mudd, HCN Child Support Specialist

The HCN Child Support Agency has been busy since our doors opened on May 19, 2014. Our Agency has a staff of 5, which consists of our Director, Linda Moser-Buse; CS Attorney, Bruce Elliott Reynolds; Assistant Coordinator, Alfreda Skye; and 2 Child Support Specialists, Roxanne Mudd (A-I), and Courtney Dick (J-Z).

We would like to take the time to inform the membership what we are currently working on. We are in the process of getting files from the HCN Trial Court. This is a standard process this Agency must do before the Court will give us information so we can open a file within our Agency. We call this process, a Motion to Intervene.

Motion to WHAT??

Many members/parents are

receiving court papers from our Agency along with a Notice, regarding a “Motion to Intervene”.

What does this mean??

This means, that in order for the HCN Child Support Agency to make this a smooth transition, we must file a Motion with the HCN Court to intervene as an interested party to OBTAIN and MONITOR ALL CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS (per our HCN Code and Federal Regulations). NOTHING IS CHANGING WITH YOUR COURT ORDER WHEN WE FILE THE “MOTION TO INTERVENE”.

If you have a Child Support Order in another county/state/tribe, this Agency can only “RECOGNIZE and ENFORCE” another courts order (see 4 HCC § 7.36, HCN Code). We CANNOT modify it, because we DO NOT have jurisdiction and therefore we

do not have any ownership of that case. It still belongs to that particular County/State/Tribe. If you have any questions regarding your case, then you MUST contact your county child support agency. We can answer general questions, but ultimately, your county worker can provide you with more information regarding your case.

County Case Transfers

We have a signed agreement with Jackson County in regards to transferring Tribal child support cases to the HCN Child Support Agency. We will transfer up to 25 cases per month and we are beginning with Jackson County, since it has the largest amount of Tribal cases. From there we will work our way down to the next largest county and so on. This will be a long process but a process that has begun. Many of you are excited to have your case

transferred to us and want it transferred now. As much as we want to take all of them right now, we still have a process we have to follow.

Letters: Possible Transfer

The letters we are sending out, with an S.A.S.E (self-addressed stamped envelope) will say, NOTICE OF POSSIBLE CASE TRANSFER, and list your State case number. All that needs to be done is to check one of the two boxes and mail it back to us. One box will say “I do NOT object” and the other will say “I object to the transfer of jurisdiction”. Along with the letter we send will be a SAMPLE motion and stipulation to transfer, that you can read for informational purposes only.

Every month we will gather a list of Jackson county cases and file a MOTION to INTERVENE, then submit the cases to Jackson County. Once the county receives

it they will then SEND the parties a letter regarding the POTENTIAL transfer. If your address is NOT updated with the county agency of your case, then there may be delays in receiving your letter. Please contact your county worker to update your address. This letter will include instruction on how to object and request a hearing, if you do not want case transferred to the HCN. If you do nothing the case will transfer automatically!!.

We would also like you to know that you can contact our Agency Monday – Friday, 8-430pm at 715-284-7690. We would be happy to answer any general questions that you may have, but remember that we do NOT give legal advice nor do we handle Custody, Placement or Visitation issues with your children. Thank you.

Governor Scott Walker announces DNR Partnership to boost Wisconsin’s elk population

Submitted by Laurel Patrick, DNR Big Game Ecologist

In collaboration with Kentucky Fish and Wildlife Resources and a number of stakeholder groups, the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources has finalized an agreement that will help bolster Wisconsin’s elk population, Governor Scott Walker’s office announced today.

“This is the next step in re-establishing the elk population in Wisconsin,” Governor Walker said. “Elk were once common here, and we want that again. A healthy and thriving elk herd is a benefit to the state, increasing tourism in northern and central Wisconsin, where a limited herd is already a draw for elk viewing.”

“We are so excited to be working with Kentucky, and

so thankful for the commitment to success by our many partners,” said DNR Secretary Cathy Stepp. “We have an incredible opportunity to help Wisconsin’s elk herd flourish.”

According to DNR big game ecologist Kevin Wallenfang, Wisconsin elk were first introduced to the Clam Lake, Wis. area in 1995 as a gift from the State of Michigan, but only as an experimental herd. Since then, the herd has grown to approximately 160 animals. This new effort will add elk to the existing herd, as well as start a new herd in Jackson County.

Beginning this month, wild elk will be trapped in Kentucky and tested for disease before being transported to Wisconsin later this spring.

“The value of great partners cannot be overstated,” said Al

Jacobson, a Wisconsin Conservation Congress delegate and Jackson County Wildlife Fund board member who has been hoping to see elk in their county for over a decade. “Thanks to the combined efforts of several partners, the dream of a generation will finally be fulfilled for the people of Jackson County.”

Wisconsin and Kentucky will work cooperatively in this effort, and Wisconsin DNR staff is assisting with trapping and disease testing efforts in Kentucky, as well as providing for animal caretaking while held in quarantine. In exchange, Wisconsin will assist Kentucky financially in the development of habitat projects in Kentucky that will benefit wildlife, with a special emphasis placed on ruffed grouse.

“There’s so much excite-

ment and hard work wrapped up in this project,” said Karen Sexton, wildlife biologist for the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Natural Resources, who are among the many partners working on this effort. “When I reflect upon it all, I immediately see how each partner is so committed to complete it together - strength among partners is one of the most unique and thrilling aspects of the project.”

Bringing additional elk into the state will create an opportunity to promote population growth of a species native to Wisconsin for current and future generations, while also providing for recreational opportunities through viewing and hunting for Wisconsin citizens and tourists from other states. The Jackson County herd’s proximity to Madison and Minneapolis is expected

to be a boon for the local and regional economies.

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation continues to be a very active partner in elk reintroduction efforts throughout the country, and regional representative Kurt Flack says they are proud to continue their long-standing support in Wisconsin. “This project is an important next step toward Wisconsin’s efforts to have a thriving elk population that can be enjoyed by all,” said Flack. “We’re thrilled things are finally moving forward!”

Funding for Wisconsin’s elk translocation efforts is a result of partnerships with stakeholder groups, and the department has committed to using only funds received from partner groups.

For more information, visit dnr.wi.gov and search keyword “elk.”

President Greendeer to Wisconsin Public Radio about Badger Ammunition Plant acquisition

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Last month, the federal government agreed to turn over more than 1,500 acres of the former Badger Ammunition Plant land in Sauk County back the original owners – the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Since that time, there has been much debate on what the land will be used for.

Ho-Chunk Nation President Jon Greendeer spoke about the subject live on the show “Central Time” with hosts Veronica Rueckert and Rob Ferrett on Wisconsin Public Radio. The show was on the air at 4 p.m. on January 6. A digital copy of the show is presently available on the WPR Web site.

“The history is rich with cultural, oral tradition,” Greendeer said. “It speaks highly of an area that was used for ceremonial purposes. Items today you can find archeologically show effigy mounds, old dwellings, in a number of places, also places where people went to live, to collect medicines, to hunt. A lot of area in Wisconsin has a lot of deep cultural history to the Ho-Chunk people, but this area in particular, with its proximity to Devils Lake, has a lot of stories, a lot of items and ties to our people in modern day where we can look back and see the rich history even in today’s modern lenses of how the Ho-Chunk people used to live a long time ago.”

The Ho-Chunk Nation entered into a treaty in 1837 and after that, pressure was imposed for all tribes to move westward, Greendeer said. The Ho-Chunk Nation has gone through a devastating amount of land loss through government policy of removal and even to the point of where the Ho-Chunk people were gathered up in railcars and shipped in winter to Iowa, Minnesota and Nebraska.

“Our stories and our history tells us that we’ve walked back at least 11 times from these areas to come back to a land that has always been Ho-Chunk land,” he said. “It’s been through this policy of removal and even extermination that we’ve survived.

“Our numbers were decimated and, at that time, late 30s - early 40s - we had a property that was designated by Representative William Stevenson out of South Carolina to host an ammunition plant and this ended up moving not only the older Ho-Chunk settlements, but also the colonial European settlements that were there as well,” Greendeer said.

“So, archeologically speak-

ing, you kind of see a layer of the old frontier settlements that were there. You go back and it is rich with our own history. You see the minerals we used for carving pipes – pipestone – and some of the waterways, so, obviously this is something that has an immense amount of history. I hope someday we’re able to capture out for people who may not have a contemporary understanding of what it means today for the Ho-Chunk people,” Greendeer said.

Rueckert asked why the decision to return the Badger Ammunition land to the Ho-Chunk Nation took 15 years.

“I would argue that it took longer than that. I was beside myself, building the timeline of about when this actually originated – in the late 80s when there was even a premonition that this would be coming up as excess land,” Greendeer said. “I started looking through the history and the names that I see are my heroes – my personal heroes of the Ho-Chunk Nation. These were leaders that I don’t think they make a lot of today.”

The endeavor took so long because of the bureaucracy of the United States federal government, he said.

“One of the biggest factor of this property, which we can’t overlook, is the contamination level. And if you are the federal government and if your responsibility is to make a decision in the best interests of those tribes, then you look at what your own agencies have done to this property, it’s hard to imagine standing by a decision to support delivering this land back to native people, whether they’re Ho-Chunk or not, because of the disposition of that land environmentally. A lot of that 15 or greater years have been an effort by the United States government to do a lot of reclamation at their expense,” he said.

“I’m so happy that Senator Baldwin made sure that when we went forward with this that we made sure that this is a polluter piece of legislation. We take some comfort in that. It also has been some factor in mitigating that land that, we’ve been dealing with, not just the Bureau of Indian Affairs, but also the EPA, the office of Solicitor General, other different agencies on the legislative route, so it’s been in the half of government that turns over like any other government, you might not have that consistent drive.

“And, I think, the federal government in hoping that we would just go away, found



Ho-Chunk Nation President Jon Greendeer (right) speaks live on the show “Central Time” on Wisconsin Public Radio on January 6, while Government Relations Office Ryan Greendeer helps to make sure everything runs smoothly.

out that we weren’t going to, and the effort was going to get stronger. I’m thankful to all the allies that we encountered throughout this fight to receive all our land back,” Greendeer said.

Ferrett asked what the plans are for the land, now that it has been returned to the Ho-Chunk Nation.

“One of the first things I hear: So when can I go hunt there? Hey, we’re Wisconsin. That’s what we like to do,” Greendeer said.

“Let me put things in perspective. The Ho-Chunk Nation, since formation, has acquired just under 10,000 acres and only half of that is in trust. About 4,100 acres are in trust status. Of that 4,100 acres, 1,200 acres belong to the Kickapoo Valley Reserve, which has restrictions on it. We cannot develop housing, gaming, economic development, government infrastructure, agriculture, so it’s 1,200 acres of non-usable land.”

The Ho-Chunk Nation doesn’t have a lot of trust land, he said, and the acquisition increases the Nation’s inventory by 37 percent in terms of our trust land and land base. The Nation is not prohibited from doing a lot of things, but there are some significant limitations and what the Nation’s officials are looking at first and foremost is to be responsible – not only to itself but to the constituents and the community – is to make sure a sustainability plan is in place.

“Fifteen hundred acres is a lot of land is a lot of property and there’s fencing, there’s

buildings, there’s roadways, there’s utilities, there’s infrastructure. There are a lot of items there that, over the course of over a long period of time, going to take resources in order to maintain and I think the first responsibility is ensuring we have a sustainability plan in place,” Greendeer said.

“The next portion, I think, is absolutely important, is to make sure we have thorough testing. A lot of us folks who aren’t gifted with a lot of environmental wisdom will walk around saying, ‘it’s polluted,’ or ‘it’s not polluted,’ or ‘it’s kind of polluted.’ We need to be responsible to know exactly if there is a level of contamination that poses a threat or harm and we know exactly what that is.

“So, before I say, ‘Hey, let’s go do a deer drive out there,’ we need to make sure what are the impacts over the course of this development of munition on the wildlife, on the water resources, on the soil, on the air,” he said. “It is incumbent on us that we make sure we have our own comprehensive assessment to make sure we don’t have adverse impacts on, not only to the existing environment, but also the community and those who attend.”

Ferrett asked what the reclamation of the land will mean for the Ho-Chunk people.

“There are two types of land tribes typically have,” Greendeer said. “There is fee land, which is what people purchase, like hunting property or for a home, and there is trust land in which the

federal government goes through an exhaustive, sometimes decade-long application process to secure in federal trust which prevents it from any fails or encumbrances and those types of things. But those are areas in which the tribes have complete jurisdiction over it.

“As of today, we do have that now with passage of the act of December 19,” Greendeer said. “So, what this means is – this is our land. I remember everyone in my office watching the floor statement from Senator Baldwin, who was absolutely instrumental. Her and her team made this happen for our Nation.

“Listening to the floor statement, we were just welling up inside because we got to be part of this history. This land isn’t going to pick up and go anywhere. If it take 100 years for this earth, our grandmother, to heal herself, then we’re going to be here for 100 years to see that happen,” Greendeer said.

“Aside from the contamination put on by the federal government, I can look at this being restorative justice. I am very proud to be a part of this – a small part of this – great history we have made for us people,” he said.

“We’re pretty excited about this and I just want to thank everyone through the decades and a lot of people who deserve the gratitude aren’t on this earth anymore, but I’m sure they are looking down with great pride on the effort made on behalf of our future,” Greendeer said.

Ho-Chunk Nation donates to Law Enforcement Group

Submitted by Arvina Martin, Chief Communications Officer

The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature presented a check for \$50,000 to West Central Metropolitan Enforcement Group (WCMEG) in Black River Falls on Monday, November 10.

The WCMEG is a group that connects investigators from various local Police and Sheriff Departments in West Central Wisconsin, dedicated to combating crimes involving controlled substances, particularly the trafficking of such substances.

“The Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature is proud to pres-

ent this donation to the West Central Metropolitan Enforcement Group,” said Legislative Chief Communications Officer Arvina Martin. “We pride ourselves on our connection to our communities, and are very happy to help an organization that brings local and county law enforcement agencies together to make sure West Central Wisconsin remains a safe place for all.”

Legislators presented the donation at the Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls.



Holiday tribute concert raises \$3,000 for Friends Sharing Food

Submitted by Tris Harris, Senior Manager-Public Relations, HCG-BRF

On December 7th, 2014, Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls had 2 Holiday Tribute Concerts featuring tributes to Elvis (Garry Wesley), Elton John (Brian Harris), Patsy Cline (Elaine Wesley) and Nat King Cole (Robin Adkins). \$5 of each ticket sold went to Jackson County’s Friends Sharing Food Program and \$3000 was raised!

Friends Sharing Food started out about 7 years ago when there was found to be a need to send food home with school children on Friday to ensure they had meals at home on the weekend. It gradually took over a few food pantries in Jackson County and now services Black River Falls, Melrose,

Alma Center, Hixton and Taylor by providing food to low income families at pantries in those towns once a month and still with the school children.

They have a board of about 15 members from the area that volunteer their time to gather food. In the past, Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls has had food collections for this organization, but we found out that they are able to purchase a lot more food through a few companies with fund donations, so this year it was decided to hold a concert to raise money for a big donation to help more families during the Holiday season.

For more information about Friends Sharing Food, you can call their President, Daniel Diehn at 715-284-0882 or any organization that provides food for those in need.



L-R: Tris Harris HCG-BRF Sr. Mgr. of PR, Daniel Diehn, President of Friends Sharing Food and Angie Melbye, HCG-BRF Promotions Mgr.

Badger Honor Flight Donation



Ho-Chunk Gaming donates the proceeds of the New Year’s Eve wristband sales in the amount of \$15,555.00 to the Badger Honor Flight.

SUMMONS
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IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency and
Ashley E. Brost, Petitioner, v. Timothy E. Banuelos,
Respondent.

Case : CS 14-80

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:
Timothy E. Banuelos

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled civil lawsuit. This legal notice of the *Petition to Register & Enforce a Foreign Judgment or Order* is now served upon you by publication. Your written *Answer* to the *Petition* must be filed with the Court on or before the twentieth day from the date of the second published issuance of this *Summons*. You may request a hearing within your written response. See RECOGNITION OF FOREIGN CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS ORDINANCE, 4 HCC § 2.5. Also, you must send or present a copy of your *Answer* to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. Failure to file a timely *Answer* in the time allowed **can affect your right to object to the enforcement of the foreign judgment or order.** *Id.*, § 2.6c.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court’s mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.



Badgers men’s basketball: Bronson Koenig ‘well-prepared’ to fill in for injured Traevon Jackson

Reprinted from
The Chippewa Herald
By Jim Polzin

For some programs, losing a senior point guard with as much moxie and experience as Traevon Jackson might be catastrophic.

It won’t be easy for the University of Wisconsin men’s basketball team to replace Jackson, who is expected to miss at least six weeks with a broken right foot, but at least the Badgers have the luxury of having a capable replacement in sophomore Bronson Koenig.

“I don’t think we’ve ever had a backup as well-prepared as Bronson,” UW associate head coach Greg Gard said.

Gard wasn’t downplaying the difficulty in replacing Jackson as the No. 7 Badgers (15-2, 3-1 Big Ten) prepare for a game against Nebraska (10-6, 2-2) on Thursday night at the Kohl Center.

Jackson, who was injured during the second half of UW’s 67-62 loss at Rutgers on Sunday night and is scheduled to undergo surgery on Thursday, has logged 2,700 minutes in 107 career games. The game against Rutgers was his 84th consecutive start.

“We lose a lot,” Gard said. “We definitely have to find a way to, player by player, try to pitch in and help out in terms of what we’ll miss with him.”

Koenig, who made his first career start at Rutgers in place of senior center Frank Kaminsky (concussion) and finished with 12 points, knows he’s part of that equation.

“It’s very unfortunate that Trae had that injury,” Koenig said. “But when someone goes down like that, people have got to be ready to step up.”

Jackson’s teammates and coaches have praised the job he does as a vocal leader on and off the court. Kaminsky, who returned to practice Tuesday after missing the game against Rutgers, called Jackson “the biggest motivator we have on this team.”

Koenig isn’t shy, but he admitted he’ll need to speak up more now that he’s a starter.

“I’m obviously going to

have to start being more vocal as a leader,” said Koenig, who helped lead La Crosse Aquinas to two WIAA Division 3 state championships. “I think that’s one area of improvement I need to really start working on is my leadership and being more vocal, but I’m confident that I’ll step into that role.”

Koenig is averaging 4.9 points in 20.5 minutes per game, with 36 assists and only eight turnovers in 348 minutes.

Gard said Koenig shouldn’t feel the need to put a lot on his shoulders.

“I think the one thing is try to keep it simple,” Gard said. “I talked to him a little bit (Monday) about it: ‘Just play. Let it rip.’ He’s prepared for this moment. He’s been on big stages before. He’s won state championships here, he’s played in a lot of big games here as a Badger. ...

“He’ll be fine. He just needs to get his feet wet a little bit and be comfortable, I think that’s the biggest thing. He’s talented enough, it’s just a matter of playing at ease.”

Koenig admitted earlier this season he was still getting used to coming off the bench, and it’s possible he’ll flourish in the role as UW’s primary point guard because he no longer has to look over his shoulder.

Senior Josh Gasser likely will move to point guard when Koenig is out of the game, but Koenig’s minutes will increase significantly.

One thing Gard wants is to see Koenig be more assertive.

“I think regardless of Trae getting hurt or not getting hurt, (for) Bronson, that was his next step,” Gard said. “He needs to be more aggressive. ...

“Maybe this will be a thing that will help spark him, too, knowing that, ‘I’ve got to take a step forward.’”

Jackson’s injury leaves UW extremely thin in the back-court.

Sophomore Zak Showalter, who is averaging 6.3 minutes in 13 games, will be the first guard off the bench now that Koenig is in the starting lineup and the player that



would be the next guard in line, sophomore Jordan Hill, is redshirting this season.

UW has used a big lineup at times this season that includes Sam Dekker, a 6-foot-9 junior forward, at the shooting guard spot. Either way, Gard said it will have to be a group effort to replace Jackson.

“If everybody can give just another rebound, one more assist, one more defensive stop,” Gard said. “It’s not going to be one person exactly filling Trae’s shoes and what he was able to do. It’s going

to be a collective group and our identity may morph a little bit in terms of how we play and in terms of just different positions.

“But in terms of our identity as a team, it has to be the same. Everybody just has to take a step forward.”

Kaminsky said Jackson has remained upbeat despite the injury, and Koenig no doubt will pick Jackson’s brain for tips and advice over the next month.

“I’ve learned a lot from him in the past year and a half,” Koenig said. “He’s kind of

taken me under his wing and just taught me how to be a point guard for coach Ryan in his system. He’s done a really good job of that.”

Now, it’s Koenig’s turn to run the show and try to help the Badgers remain in the Big Ten title hunt while Jackson is out.

“I think he’s ready for this,” Gard said. “I’m excited to see him play. Obviously, I’ve watched him for a lot of years and know what his potential is, and it’ll be fun to watch him grow.”





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We hope to see you all at “Native American Heritage Night” on Friday, February 6th at 7:30pm. We play the Rochester Knighthawks on Ho-Chunk Nation Field at Xcel Energy Center that night, and early arriving fans will receive a Minnesota Swarm / Ho-Chunk Gaming Cowbell! Thank you again for your partnership and support.

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SOLICITOR GENERAL (2011-PRESENT)

I HAVE FAITHFULLY SERVED THE HO-CHUNK NATION THROUGHOUT MY ENTIRE LEGAL CAREER, AND HUMBLY ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT SO THAT I MIGHT CONTINUE TO DO SO. I TAKE GREAT PRIDE IN HAVING HELPED SHAPE THE JUDICIARY AND ITS CASE LAW OVER THE PAST FIFTEEN YEARS. THE NATION’S JUDICIAL BRANCH REMAINS A WELL-RESPECTED INSTITUTION WITHIN INDIAN COUNTRY, AND I FEEL PRIVILEGED TO HAVE PLAYED A ROLE IN FORGING AND SUSTAINING THIS REPUTATION.

THE OFFICE OF ASSOCIATE JUSTICE IS A PART-TIME, YET ESSENTIAL, POSITION TO WHICH I DEDICATE CONSIDERABLE TIME AND EFFORT. I ALSO HOLD THE FULL-TIME POSITION OF CHIEF LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE MILLE LACS BAND WHERE I ADVISE BOTH EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE BRANCHES, SUPERVISE ELEVEN ATTORNEYS, AND OVERSEE A POLICE DEPARTMENT OF TWENTY OFFICERS. THIS PARALLEL EXPERIENCE HAS ENHANCED MY ABILITY TO FAIRLY RESOLVE DIFFICULT CONFLICTS AND DISPUTES. AGAIN, I KINDLY REQUEST YOUR VOTE AT THE GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION ON FEBRUARY 28, 2015. THANK YOU.

Experience Counts



Integrity Matters

Vote Anna Becker for Jackson County Circuit Court Judge



EXPERIENCE

- Currently serving as your Jackson County Circuit Court Judge
- 7 Years Jackson County Family & Deputy Court Commissioner
- 8 Years Jackson County District Attorney
- 6 Years Private Practice Attorney specializing in child protective service and adult guardianship matters
- 6 Years Associate Attorney and Assistant Black River Falls City Attorney

JUDGE ANNA BECKER – PROTECTING
JACKSON COUNTY FAMILIES FOR OVER 22 YEARS

INTEGRITY

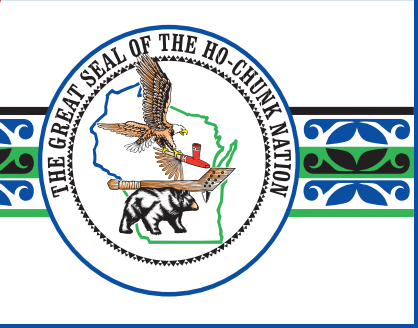
- Proven record of fiscal responsibility while serving as your District Attorney
- Cut thousands of dollars from 2015 Judicial Office Budget
- Hears an average of 1,000 cases per month as your Circuit Court Judge
- Represented abused children and vulnerable adults advocating for their best interests

JUDGE ANNA BECKER – THE ONLY CANDIDATE
WITH JUDICIAL EXPERIENCE


PAID FOR BY CITIZENS FOR BECKER - KRISTIN STUTZ, TREASURER



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VOTE MANN



I announce my candidacy for President of The Ho-Chunk Nation.

I was born Warrior Clan, as a member of the Warrior Clan Society my place is protect and serve our Ho-Chunk People.

-Manda Mann



Vote Ho-Chunk!

Vote Mann!

#TEAMMANN

NOTICE!! NOTICE!! NOTICE!!

ELECTION BOARD MEETING
(CERTIFY CANDIDATES)
JANUARY 29, 2015
9:00 AM

ELECTION BOARD OFFICE
206 SOUTH ROOSEVELT ROAD
BLACK RIVER FALLS, WISCONSIN

ELECTION BOARD MEMBERS:

EB CHAIRPERSON: BRIDGETTE SCHULZ

MARTINA LITTLEWOLF-FALCON, BRF	ELISSA SMITH, BRF
ETHEL FUNMAKER, LACROSSE	MARSHA SMITH, LACROSSE
FRANCIS DECORAH, TOMAH	CHRIS ESTEBO, TOMAH
LUCINDA LONETREE, BARABOO	KIM CLOUD, BARABOO
EDNA TOPPING, MADISON	CHER LAUBMEIER, MADISON
CYNTHIA TACK, WISCONSIN DELLS	JOYCE WARNER, WISCONSIN DELLS
BARBARA SMITH, WISCONSIN RAPIDS	DODIE TOPPING, WISCONSIN RAPIDS
MYRNA LITTLEWOLF, WITTENBERG-VICE EB	CICI ANTONE, WITTENBERG
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ALEXANDRIA LANGE, MILWAUKEE	AMY CARDIN, MILWAUKEE
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The Propane Assistance Loan is back...just in time



The Propane Assistance Loan is now available. Ho-Chunk Tribal members needing propane can request an application. There is a \$50 processing fee. Last year First Nations Community Financial was able to serve over 40 Ho-Chunk families throughout Wisconsin in one of the coldest winters of all time. Let us help you.

Contact the office for an application at (715) 284-2470
Email: fncf@ho-chunk.com
206 S. Roosevelt Rd, Suite 123. Black River Falls, WI 54615



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“Strengthen Communities by providing the highest quality of personal financial services.”

1st Memorial Pool Tournament for Ben Jamn Stephan 2014

**Congratulations to
Tari Youngthunder and Benny Casarez
who took First Place!!**



Family in Prayer


Thinking of Gene Cloud Jr.

January 23, 2015 at 5:00p.m.
NAC Wisconsin Dells

After dinner:

Dept. of Justice – Madison (Missing Person's Division) and the Dept. of Justice – Ho-Chunk Nation will be giving everyone the update on Gene's case. We want to coordinate another search and would like to thank all who have and will help us find Gene.

We would like to thank: Ho-Chunk Nation Office of President, Ho-Chunk Nation DOJ, NAC Wisconsin Dells, NAC BRF, State Chapter NAC, Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska and the DOJ for the State of Wisconsin Missing Persons Division and family and friends of Gene Cloud Jr.



As we look in to the New Year with hope and reflect on last year, the family of

Nancy Smith

"che pa cheing"
(lives near the house)

would like to express our heartfelt thanks to those who helped during our time of need in July, when our mother/sister was called home by her heavenly Father.

We would like to acknowledge the Ho-cak Nation for the financial assistance given plus the many cards and flowers sent by various departments. Also many thanks to the people who came to her bedside during her brief stay at St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield with encouraging words and prayer.

We would also like to acknowledge Mann Falcon for his words, prayer and guidance plus his helpers during devotional prayer services, Elliot Kolner, Tony Falcon and Gary Hall.

We are very appreciative to Michelle Greendeer-Rave for making the dress and Elena Greendeer for making the moccasins. Also to Michelle DeCora, Lyra Thorpe and Andrea Rave for dressing her.

Thank you's also go out to the pallbearers; Vinny, Kric and Rayce Pettibone, Lael Hall, Duncan Rave and Darren Hopinka. We wish to thank the Decorah Prairie Cemetery personnel for preparing her grave site.

We thank the people who made monetary donations, for the cards of sympathy and the many flowers sent on her behalf. Your names are within our hearts. Many thanks to Dave WhiteEagle for his grave site prayer and Wilbert Cleveland for his words of solace.

Lastly, a big thank you to Crystal Pettibone and her sisters, Melissa, Tari Lynn and Gina for the food they prepared. We can say all the concerted efforts overwhelmed our expectations.

You all brought smiles back to us and gave us the strength to push forward. May the grace of the Great Spirit bless you all for your loving kindness.

Daughters; Patty Hall, Debbie Pettibone, Sharon Pettibone, Barbie Rave and Cindy Smith. Brothers; Fred Decorah and Ralph Decorah.

Wakaja pii
1963-2014

Susie Bett Decorah

The family wishes to express our most earnest appreciation and heart-felt gratitude for each and every one of you relatives and friends who graciously helped us through our grief and sorrow over our loss. Words cannot express our deep appreciation for the love and compassion you demonstrated in our time of need.

We thank the Ho-Chunk Nation, the NAC Wisconsin Dells Chapter, the NAC Greater Eau Claire Area Chapter, the Wittenberg Chapter for their donations and kind assistance. We thank Christopher Decorah, Edward Decorah, Chester Dick and Ashley Decorah for taking care of funeral arrangements and all who helped with devotional services.

We thank Lisa Mendez and family, Francine Williams, Melonie Greengrass and others who did a fabulous job in preparing delicious meals and doing all the cooking and cleanup work. We thank the Storm sisters for the food donations. We thank the pallbearers and all who assisted at the gravesite.

We thank you all for your heart-felt love, honor, respect and compassion. We thank you for your prayers, donations, sympathy cards, flowers and words of encouragement.

God Bless you richly for your kindness.

Hockey team offers positive goals for young Ho-Chunk, Josiah Fanning

Kathleen Roberts
Staff Writer

As a member of the Ice Mites hockey team, 7 year old Josiah Fanning puts his whole heart and energy into each practice session. “It was



Inside the locker room at Pierce Park Pavilion in Baraboo, Josiah Fanning prepares for hockey practice.

Josiah’s idea to start playing hockey, when he was 4 years old,” said his father. “One day he asked us to sign him up for hockey.”

His parents, Larry and Jaimie Fanning, are his biggest fans and support him by making sure he has the proper uniform and equipment for the sport. His parents both agree that an important part of being hockey parents is getting him to practices and games on time.

Josiah’s Hocak name, Caxsep ahu ga which translates to eagle wing, is a fitting name for the speed and maneuvering skills he demonstrates. “I think he is a natural,” said his mother. “Josiah is a lot different when he is on the ice. He seems more confident and takes charge when he is working with his coaches and his team.”

One of the main goals set

by the coaches is for the young athletes to have fun and to come back next year. “Our practices are informal and encourage a lot of freedom when playing the game,” said Tony Bluske, Ice Mites coach.

“Josiah always works hard at practice. The only thing that slowed him down was his helmet. He’s had several helmets over the last two years, it seems the helmets are too tight. After many adjustments, I told his dad he’ll have to go to a hockey shop to get a better fitting helmet. We joke together about this, we told him his brain is just too big; but I don’t think Josiah believes us.”

Young hockey players begin with a 3 month program called, Learn to Skate. This is an inexpensive lesson time offered to get them comfortable with skating. During



Following a rigorous Ice Mites practice, Josiah has help from his father, Larry, to get out of his sport’s gear.



Coach Tony Bluske, leads drills at the ice rink, as Josiah Fanning shows his skills with the hockey stick.

the hockey season, October through March, hockey players practice two times a week and have the option of open skate during the week. They participate in 6 games during the season. The Ice Mites will play teams from Reedsburg, Wisconsin Dells and Sauk City this year.

“Josiah is big on sports. Each season has a different sport. He is in karate, T-Ball and next spring is his fourth year in soccer. His interest and participation in sports involves the whole family,” his mother said. “This will be his third year of hockey, but

we have always given him the option to stop if he doesn’t like it.”

Josiah’s father agrees that ice hockey is a priceless investment for his son. He appreciates the coaching philosophy, everyone on the team is successful. “I enjoy watching my son playing hockey,” he said. “I hope he will continue through high school. This kind of activity keeps kids from doing drugs, and alcohol and joining gangs.”

“I want to keep playing ice hockey. I have lots of friends and I like to skate,” said Josiah.

Pa que class in session



Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, Lila Blackdeer has been providing a craft class at the DNR/Veterans Service Office meeting room in the Executive Building. She not only teaches the crafts, but teaches them the proper Ho-Chunk language and terminology to go along with their work. Present for the lesson on pa que (beaded earrings) on January 5 are (from left) Natalie Bird, Lila Blackdeer, Donna Littlegeorge and Sandra Winneshiek.

